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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.

Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)

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17/05/2007: Steve, W7VOA will be active May 17-22nd as A52SW from Thimpu, Bhutan. He will operate on 80-6 metre CW, SSB and, possibly, PSK, as well as 10 metre FM. Steve is a news correspondent based in India covering South Asia and says this will be the first of numerous trips he plans to make to Bhutan over the next several years. QSL via K2AU. [Tnx 425 DX News]

17/05/2007: Look for Jeff/G4ELZ and Steve/G4EDG to be QRV May 17-23rd as TF4/homecall/p from Flatey Island (EU-168). They will be active mainly on 80-17 metre CW, with 100 watts to wire antennas. QSL both calls via G4ELZ direct only. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

18/05/2007: A group of the Belgian UBA section Diest (ON4DST) will be again QRV May 18-24th from the Losinj area [goal: Losinj Island (EU-136, CI-058, ACIA-116, CIA-25, MIA MC-204); Male Srakane Island (EU-136, CI-062, ACIA-118, CIA-43, MIA MC-223); and Vele Srakane Island (EU-136, CI-138, ACIA-134, CIA-44, MIA MC-446)]. They will use their special call sign 9A8DST, on all bands except WARC. Members are: Michael/ON4CAQ, Maurice/ON7KS, Francois/ON6VP, Herman/ON7FH, Dominic/ON7UZ, Jempi/ON8JP and Cois/ON6KN. QSL to ON4DST via the bureau or to ON4AMM for a direct response. [Tnx 9A6AA]

18/05/2007: Operators Luigi/IZ4FTE, Michele/IZ4GWE, Davide/IK4UNH, Paolo/I4EWH and others will be active as II4SDP from Scanno di Piallazza Island (EU-155, IIA FE-001, MIA MI-104), May 18-20th. They will be active on 40m (vertical monoband), 20-15-10m (Spiderbeam) and 6m (3 ele. yagi), CW and SSB. QSL via IZ4GWE. Further information can be found at: www.iz4gwe.it/ii4sdp/ [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

18/05/2007: Look for Gottfried, OE8GBK/p on May 18th (weather permitting) to activate Mirnock summit (SOTA OE/KT-082, 2110m, 8 points, WW Loc. JN66US), K?rnten region. Activity will be on 7.032 and 10.117 MHz CW, starting around 0900z. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

19/05/2007: Look for F1CNT/p to be active May 19th from the Castle of St. Rimault (DFCF 60-052), commune of d'Essuiles, Department Oise (DDFM 60), Province of Picardie (DPF 18). Activity will be on 80 and 40 metre SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F1UFX]

19/05/2007: Alain F6ENO/p plans to be QRV May 19th from Roche de Cuiron (SOTA F/JU-091, 560m, 1 point, WW Loc. JN26QE), Jura region. Activity will be on 7.032 MHz CW, starting around 1000z. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

19/05/2007: Drew, GM3YOR reports that he has made plans for some holiday operations for this year. Look for him to be active as GM3YOR/p from Isle of Islay (IOSA NH-22, SCOTIA CS-25, WLOTA LH-1826), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), Scotland, between May 19-26th. Also, look for him to be active as SV5/GM3YOR from the Isle of Symi (EU-001), Dodecanese Islands, between September 15-30th. He will be taking his TS50 and wire antennas, and will operate when time is available. QSL via home call. [Tnx OPDX]

19/05/2007: Davide/IW9GUR, Angelo/IW9HLM, Andrea/IW9HQP and Andrea/IT9RKR plan to be active on 10-40 metre SSB as homecall/p from Scoglio delle Sirene (IOTA EU-025, IIA ME-040, MIA MI-332) on May 19th. QSL via IW9HLM. [Tnx 425 DX News]

19/05/2007: Marcello/IT9ABY, Giuseppe/IT9BLB, Giuseppe/IT9PAD, Antonio/IT9YMM, Maurizio/IT9IAS, Stefano/IT9ISR and Carmelo/IT9TFX will operate as IQ9PA on all bands and

modes from Isola delle Femmine (EU-166, IIA PA-004, MIA MI-026), May 19-21st. QSL via IT9TQH, bureau preferred. [Tnx 425 DX News]

20/05/2007: Look for F1CNT/p to be active May 20th from the Ch?teau des Trois Etaux (DFCF 60-053, WW Loc. JN19GK), commune of Cernoy. Activity will be on 3.660 and 7.060 MHz SSB (+/-). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F1UFX]

20/05/2007: F1PUX/Denis, Eric/F1TVA and Roger/F4ELU will be active as homecall/p on May 20th from the Ch?teau La Chassagne (DFCF 71-038), located in the City of Saint Vincent Bragny (CP 71340), Department Sa?ne-et-Loire (DDFM 71), Province of Burgundy (DPF 05). QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Paul, F2YT/p will activate the Castle of Marieux (DFCF 80-004) for European Castles Day (May 20th). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F4EEI]

20/05/2007: Look for Juan, F5IRC/p to be active for the European Castles Day (May 20th) from the Castle of Hellandes (DFCF 76-068), located in the commune of Angerville l'Orcher (CP 76280), Department Seine-Maritime (DDFM 76), Province of Haute-Normandie (DPF 11). This castle was a famous stronghold at the time of the one hundred year old war. Jehan Hellande took part in the head office of Jerusalem in 1099. The modern castle of Hellandes been used as hospital with the Belgian army during the First World War. Look for activity on all bands, mainly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx F5IRC]

20/05/2007: The F5KEK ARC will be QRV May 20th for the European Castles Day from the Castle of Billy (DFCF 03-066), located in the City of Billy (CP 03260). Activity will be on 3.703 and 7.060 MHz (+/- QRM). QSL via F5KEK (QRZ.com). [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Raymond, F5NFS/p will be active May 20th from the Castle of de Kerl?bert (DFCF 56-030, WW Loc. IN87HT), located in the City of Qu?ven (CP 56530), Department Morbihan (DDFM 56), Province of Brittany (DPF 06). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Boris/F5MDF and Thierry/F6LDW will be QRV May 20th as F5MDF/p from the Castle of St - Roch (DFCF 82-008), located in the City of Le Pin (CP 82340), canton of Auvillar (DDCF 82-01), Department Tarn-et-Garonne (DDFM 82), Province of Midi-Pyr?nes (DPF 15). Activity will be on 40 and 20 metre SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Look for the F6KEH ARC to be QRV May 20th for European Castles Day from the Castle of Boussague (DFCF 34-039), located in the City of La-Tour-sur-Orb (CP 34312), canton [county] of B?darieux (DDCF 34-03), Department H?rault (DDFM 34), Province of Languedoc-Rousillon (DPF 12). QSL via F6KEH. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: The F6KKN ARC of Roanne will be active for the European Castles Day, May 20th (0600z to 1600z), from the Castle of Ressins (DFCF 42-021), located in the Department of Loire (DDFM 42), Province of Rh?ne Alpes (DPF 22). This castle will be on the air for the first time, HF and VHF. QSL via F0EXH (French callbook). Further information can be found on the F6KKN's blog at: f6kkn.over-blog.com [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: J-Fran?ois, F8BMN will be QRV May 20th as F8BMN/p from the Castle of Rogerries (DFCF 59-093, WW Loc. J010XI), located in the City of Gognies Chauss?e (CP 59600), canton [county] of Maubeuge Canton Nord (DDCF 59-44), Department Nord (DDFM 59), Province of Nord Pas de Calais (DPF 16). Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 metre SSB. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Freddy, F8CKS/p will activate the Daglan Castle (DFCF 24-085) for European Castles Day (May 20th). The castle is located in Department Dordogne (DDFM 24), Province of Aquitaine (DPF 02). Activity will be on 80/40/20 metres, mainly SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F8CKS]

20/05/2007: Look for Juergen/DJ2V0, Holger/DL1COP, Gerd/DG3KAF, Carsten/DL7KCM, Juergen/D01KJB and Franz/DL3PS to be active as F/homecall/p from Porquerolles Island (EU-070, DIFM ME-010, MIA MF-021, WLOTA LH-1107), May 19-26th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via the

individual operator's home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

20/05/2007: Eric/ON7RN, Philippe/ON5PV and Bruno/ON7ZB will be QRV May 20th as F/ON7RN/p from the Cerny Castle (DFCF 08-022), located in the City of Neuville-Lez-Beaulieu (CP 08380), canton of Signy-le-Petit (DDCF 08-29) Department Ardennes (DDFM 08), Province of Champagne-Ardenne (DPF 08). Look for activity mainly on 40 and 20 metres. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Pierre-Yves/HB90MI and Michel/HB9DL0 will activate Pailly Castle (ref. DCS and DCSR VD-147) as HB9DL0/p for European Castles Day (May 20th). Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL via HB9DL0, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Look for HB9XC/p to be active from the Ergu?l Castle (ref. DCS and DCSR BE-080) during European Castles Day (May 20th). The main operator will be Marc, HB9ONN. QSL via operator's instructions. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: HB9DVD and HB9REZ will be QRV as HB9Y for European Castles Day (May 20th) as HB9Y from the Val?re Castle, (Valais Canton, Sion USKA district). Activity will be on 40 metres only from 07:00 to 10:00 UTC. QSL via operator's information. [Tnx F5NQL]

20/05/2007: Members of the Craven Radio Amateur Group (CRAG), from the Yorkshire Dales, UK, will be taking part in a CASHOTA (Castles and Stately Homes On the Air) activation on May 20th between 0900-1600z. They will be operating from the prestigious Broughton Hall, near Skipton (Locator IO83WW, WAB Square SD95YSN), using the callsign MX0BCQ/p on HF and VHF. QSL via M0BCQ (QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

20/05/2007: The F8KTR ARC will be active May 20th as TM3C from the Castle of Caudeval, located in Department Aude (DDFM 11), Province of Languedoc Rousillon (DPF 12). The castle reference will be given by the operator. Activity will be on 40 and 20 metre SSB and CW. They will also be active May 19th. QSL via F8KTR. [Tnx F5NQL]

21/05/2007: Operators Enrique/XE1IH, Javier/XE1KOF, Jos?/XE1YJL, David/XE1XR, Martin/XE2ML and Benjamin/XE2AUB will operate as 4A3IH from Ixtapa Island, Guerrero (NA-183), May 21-26th. Activity will be on all HF bands (CW, SSB, digital modes), 6 and 2 metres and satellite (AO-51, SO-50, AO-27 - UHF/VHF). QSL via IT9EJW either direct (Alfio Bonanno, Via della Regione, 20 - 95028 Valverde (CT), Italy) or through the bureau. Further information can be found at www.mdxc.org/4a3ih/ [Tnx F5NQL]

21/05/2007: Look for Jim, WI9WI to be signing PJ2T from the island of Curacao (SA-006, WLOTA LH-0942), May 21-29th, CQ WPX CW Contest included as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via N9AG or LoTW. [Tnx CCC]

21/05/2007: Shoji/JA7HMZ (V63DX) will make a regular trip to Pohnpei, Micronesia (OC-010) together with Tak/JA7AGO (V63GO) and Nak/JA7ZP (V63ZP). They will be QRV May 21-26th on all bands and modes. QSL via their home call. [Tnx NG3K]

23/05/2007: Alex, VE3KF reports he will operate SSB and CW as TO3T from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIF0 FM-001, LH-1041), May 23-31st, CQ WPX CW Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

24/05/2007: Eric, K9GY will return to Nassau, New Providence Island (NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115), Bahamas (Grid FL15) as C6AYM for the 2007 CQ WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th). He plans to operate 80m-10m in the contest. Also he will have 6m and 2m outside the contest. QSL via K9GY. [Tnx NG3K]

24/05/2007: Gary, ZL2IFB (G4IFB) will be active May 24-28th, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included, as E51??? (awaited) from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands, as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Notes: Gary will be QRV during a family holiday to Rarotonga using 5W or 100W to wires at the hotel unless a friendly E51 Op needs an extra CW contester and perhaps some logistics help from the ZL end. QSL via ZL2IFB or LoTW. [Tnx NG3K]

24/05/2007: Look for Ivo, OQ0A to be signing portable (x/OQ0A) May 24, 25 and 26th from W6 (Los Angeles - Las Vegas) and on May 29 to June 8 from KH6, SSB, 40-12m. QSL via ON Bureau. [Tnx UBA HF News]

25/05/2007: Members of Wrexham ARS, namely Colin/MW0JNI and Mike/GW6NLP, will be operating from Scarlett Point, Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA LH-0449) between May 25th and June 5th as GB100TT. This is a special event call sign celebrating 100 years of the Isle Of Man TT motorcycle road races. They will be active on all bands from HF to UHF and might even use the club call sign GT4WXM/p. QSL via MW0JNI (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

25/05/2007: JA1UNS/1, JI1PLF/1, 7N1GMK/1, 7L4PVR/1 and 7N4VPS/1 will be active from Hachijo Island (AS-043, JIIA AS-043-004, WLOTA LH-0446), JA1 South Izu Group, May 25-28th. Look for activity on the HF bands and 6m SSB, CW. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/05/2007: Wave Master Team (www.wavemasterteam.com/IC8TO/ic8to.htm) members Giovanni/IK1WEG, Sergio/IW1FSQ, Marco/IZ1BWO, Jerry/IZ1DSH, Carlo/IZ1GCZ, Veronica/IZ1KFF, Rosario/IC8FEM, Gianfranco/IT9SPB and Marco/IS0KEB will be active as IC8TO from Ischia Island (EU-031, IIA NA-001), May 25-27th. They plan to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 15, 17, 20, 30, 40, 80 and 160 metres, plus 2 and 6m. QSL via IZ1GCZ (bureau preferred). [Tnx 425 DX News]

25/05/2007: Operators Udo/DL1DWR, Lutz/DG4VX and Olaf/DG0CH will be active as LA/homecall from Tromoy Island (EU-061) between May 25th and 29th. Activity will be on 160-2m, mostly digital modes, also CW, SSB and FM. QSL via home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

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LOOKING AHEAD

26/05/2007: Marios, 5B4WN will be active from Nicosia, Cyprus as C4W during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest, as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via 5B4WN, direct or burau. QSL also via "self-QSL" at: www.5b4wn.com/ [Tnx NG3K]

26/05/2007: Mauro, IN3QBR will be active from Sardinia (EU-024, IIA SD-001, MIA MIS-035, WLOTA LH-1608) during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as IS0/K7QB (perhaps IM0/K7QB), as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via IN3QBR. [Tnx NG3K]

26/05/2007: Ralph, NM5RC will complete the quest to activate a new USI in all fifty states. Look for him May 26th from Japonski Island (USi AK-196, WW Loc. C027HB), Pacific Ocean (Sitka Sound), 1st SE District, Alaska. All contacts and assistance to complete this goal will be greatly appreciated. Ralph expects to operate 1700-2100 UTC. Next day is alternate in case of travel or weather problems. Island is not an IOTA. Activity will be on 20 metres mostly (14.260 MHz +/-). QSL cards will be sent to all contacts. [Tnx USi]

09/06/2007: WB4WXE, Howard, is heading back to Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA LH-1118, Grid FK97) on June 9th through June 24th. He will be QRV as V26HS and will be putting an emphasis on 6 metres, but will also be QRV on 2 meter and HF. QSL via home call. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/07/2007: Operators Jan/OZ5JR, Klaus/OZ7KDJ and Erik/OZ9V will be active July 25-30th as homecall/p from Anholt Island (EU-088, NK-001 for the Danish Islands Award), including an entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th), using the call sign OZ8MW/p. Activity will be on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

28/07/2007: Look for Terry, W6WTG/p on Anacapa Island (NA-144, USi CA-002S, WLOTA LH-1300, WW Loc. DM04HA, Ventura County), California, during the RSGB IOTA contest. He will be running battery power with a IC-7000 and will be QRV on 20 metres. QSL via home call. [Tnx W6WTG]

01/08/2007: Special event station 8J3ARDF will be aired August 1st through October 21st to celebrate the All Japan ARDF Athletic Meet. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

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LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVATIONS

19/05-26/05 F/DG3KAF/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/DJ2V0/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/DL1COP/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/DL3PS/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/D01KJB/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/DL7KCM/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 F/D01KJB/P: Porquerolles Island WLOTA:1107 QSL H/C (d/b)
 19/05-26/05 GM3YOR/P: Islay WLOTA:1826 QSL H/C (d/b)
 21/05-29/05 PJ2T: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL WI9WI (d/b)
 23/05-31/05 T03T: Martinique Island WLOTA:1041 QSL VE3KF (d/b)
 24/05-29/05 C6AYM: New Providence WLOTA:1115 QSL K9GY (d/b)
 25/05-28/05 7L4PVR/1: Hachijo-Jima WLOTA:0446 QSL H/C (d/b)
 25/05-28/05 7N1GMK/1: Hachijo-Jima WLOTA:0446 QSL H/C (d/b)
 25/05-28/05 7N4VPS/1: Hachijo-Jima WLOTA:0446 QSL H/C (d/b)
 25/05-06/06 GB100TT: Isle of Man WLOTA:0449 QSL MW0JNI (QRZ.com)
 25/05-28/05 JA1UNS/1: Hachijo-Jima WLOTA:0446 QSL H/C (d/b)
 25/05-28/05 JI1PLF/1: Hachijo-Jima WLOTA:0446 QSL H/C (d/b)

===== SPECIAL EVENTS

18/05/2007: Six radio clubs of the Association Mosellane de Radioamateurs will operate from seven forts on the Maginot Line from 0600 UTC May 18th through 1200 UTC May 19th. Expect the following call signs to be aired on all bands: TM1LM Fort Immerhoff [DFCF 57-024] (QSL via F8KGY), TM2LM Fort Hackenberg [DFCF 57-025] (QSL via F6KAT), TM3LM Fort Michelsberg [DFCF 57-026] (QSL via F6KF0), TM4LM Fort Bambesh [DFCF 57-027] (QSL via F8K0I), TM5LM Fort Einseling [DFCF 57-028] (QSL via F6KAT), TM6LM Fort Laudrefang [DFCF 57-029] (QSL via F6KFT), TM7LM Fort Casso [DFCF 57-006] (QSL via F6KFH). [Tnx 425 DX News]

19/05/2007: Special event station SX2SB will be active May 19-20th in remembrance of those who fought the Battle of Skra in May 1918 during World War I. Expect activity on all bands CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL via either SV7CUD or SV1EOS, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

19/05/2007: Look for special event station 8J8JTG to be aired from May 19th to June 10th to celebrate Joho Tsushin Gekkan (or Information Telecommunication Month). QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

19/05/2007: Special callsign PA25UKSMG will be aired from The Netherlands between May 19th and June 3rd to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the UK Six Metre Group (www.uksmg.org/). Expect activity on 160-2 metres, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via PA7FM (logs will be available at www.pa7fm.nl). Several other special callsigns are expected to be used from other countries, especially during the UKSMG 6 Metre Contest during the first weekend of June. [Tnx 425 DX News]

20/05/2007: UBA section LGE will operate ON60LGE/p from two different World War II forts around Liege, the first one on May 20 (Fort d'Aubin-Neufchateau BCA-069) and the second on May 27 (Fort de Tancr?mont BCA-070). QSL via ON5P0. [Tnx 425 DX News]

20/05/2007: The Fourches ARS (F6KSU) of the city of Laval, will be active as TM7AJ between May 20th and June 3rd to celebrate the Centenary of the Alfred Jarry's death. Alfred Jarry (born in Laval in 1873), was a theater writer who created the famous character of the "King UBU". QSL via F6KSU (REF bureau or direct). [Tnx F5NQL]

23/05/2007: Jim, VQ9JC (ND9M), reports that he has received written permission to use the special call sign VQ97JC from May 23rd through June 5th. The special indicator '7' added to the prefix simply reflects the number seven in the year 2007. Look for Jim to use this special prefix as much as possible during those two weeks. QSL via ND9M, direct or by the bureau. QSL cards will not be printed at least until after his return home to Florida in August. [Tnx OPDX]

24/05/2007: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club will be signing W9IMS for the 91st running of the Indianapolis 500 during the May 24 - May 28, 1500Z-0300 z on 21.340 14.240 7.240 and 3.840 MHz. Certificate and QSL available. Further information can be found at: www.w9ims.com/ [Tnx UBA HF News]

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U.S.A. COUNTIES - USA-CA

19/05/2007: Ed/K8ZZ and Tim/W8JJ will be mobile May 19-21st, SSB and CW, from the following counties - OHIO: Warren, Butler and Hamilton; KENTUCKY: Campbell, Kenton, Boone, Gallatin, Carroll, Trimble, Henry, Oldham, Jefferson, Bullit, Meade, Hardin, Laruel, Taylor, Green, Adair, Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, Wayne, Pulaski, Lincoln, Garrard, Jessamine, Fayette, Bourbon, Nicholas, Fleming and Mason. They will then go back into the State of Ohio. This schedule is subject to change without notice. Tim, W8JJ will run most of the CW on the fly. QSL via home calls. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

20/05/2007: Lloyd, NX4W/m will be returning from Dayton May 20th and he will be running 20/40 SSB on the move most of the time and will be stopping on county lines to run PSK31 on 30 metres (10.139 MHz). If 30 metres is not in good shape, he may run PSK on 7.072 or 14.072 MHz. Lloyd will start out and be on first county line about 1300z Sunday, May 20th - OHIO: Montgomery, Warren, Butler and Hamilton. KENTUCKY: Kenton, Boone, Gallatin, Owen, Franklin, Anderson, Mercer, Boyle, Lincoln, Casey, Russell and Clinton. Monday May 21st - TENNESSEE: Pickett, Fentress, Cumberland, Bledsoe, Sequatchie and Hamilton. GEORGIA: Dade. ALABAMA: Jackson, Cherokee and Etowah. Tuesday May 22nd - ALABAMA: Etowah, Calhoun, Saint Clair, Talladega, Clay, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Macon, Bulloch and Barbour. GEORGIA: Quitman and Randolph. Wednesday, May 23rd - GEORGIA: Calhoun, Baker, Mitchell, Colquitt, Brooks and Lowndes. FLORIDA: Hamilton, Suwannee and Columbia. QSL via home call. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

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WORLD WIDE DXPEDITION TROPHY:

The Strange Radio Team institutes "WORLD WIDE DXPEDITION TROPHY" W.W.D.T an exclusive trophy that rewards the world-wide DXPEDITION of the year that has provoked greater interest in the hamradio world. According to an yearly survey that will be available on www.strangeradioteam.com, and on the greater ham magazines, both Italian and international, the DXPEDITION that will have greater preferences will be rewarded with a trophy. [Tnx IZ8EDJ]

>From the French Polar team:

Good news for all those who are waiting for VK0JLX QSL cards (Davis base). The French polar team with subscriptions of the Antarctic Challenge decided to provide to VK2JLX 1000 full coloured QSL cards. VK2JLX, Paul promised us to reply at reception of the QSL cards. These cards could be printed in 2 weeks and should arrive to destination in about one month. We invite all of you to take part in the Antarctic challenge. <http://f6kdf.ath.cx/f5nod/index.htm> [Tnx F5NQL]

European Castles Day:

The most important European Ham activity around Heritage Castles, Forts and Stately Houses will happen on next Sunday May 20th, between 06h00 to 16h00 UTC.

HF 80 to 10 meters (no WARC) and 2 meters in SSB and CW.

A lot of Hams from France, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom, Switzerland, and even for the first time in 2007, from Germany, Poland and Russia, will be on the air for Radio before and also to help each of us to know better their National Heritage.

The complete rules of the activity are available on the French Managers Jean-Pierre, F6FNA's web page at: f6fna.club.fr/jecrueleanglais.html. [Tnx F5NQL]

May 16, 2007 -

ITU okays Montenegro, Serbia call sign prefix agreement (May 16, 2007) -- Although it became a country -- and a DXCC entity -- in its own right last June, Montenegro has not had an Amateur Radio call sign block to call its own until this month. According to The Daily DX, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) did not want to give Montenegro an entirely new prefix, so it required the states of Montenegro and Serbia to agree upon one or two prefixes

from the five (4N, 4O, YT, YU and YZ) assigned to the former Serbia-Montenegro. An agreement was reached May 11, and the ITU now lists 4O (that's "four Oscar") as Montenegro's. This means Montenegro stations may use 4O0 through 4O9, while Serbia stations will continue to use YT and YU prefixes for all call districts, 0 through 9. The ITU has taken back the former 4N and YZ prefixes for future reassignment. The ITU reportedly wants the two nations to complete the transition to new call sign blocks as soon as possible. The Daily DX Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, recommends that DXers update their logging software carefully to reflect the changes. See www.arrl.org/?artid=7461 [ARRL]

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73 and Good Hunting!

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